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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SIAD TO VISIT MOSCOW

1. LASTEST KERNEL FROM MOGADISCIO RUMOR MILL HAS SIAD VISITING MOSCOW TO ATTEND 25TH CPSU CONGRESS. PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY TO BEGIN JOUNEY FEBRUARY 22. ONE VERSION OF STORY SAYS SIAD WANTS TO EXPLAIN IN ADVANCE TO SOVIET MENTORS REASONS UNDERLYING UPCOMING SHIFT IN SOMALI POLICIES DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE MODERATE AND CONSERVATIVE ARAB COUNTRIES (REASONS, PRESUMABLY, INCLUDE GSDR'S CRITICAL FINANCIAL SQUEEZE WHICH COULD BE EASED BY ARAB ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS GSDR'S DESIRE FOR ARAB SUPPORT ON DJIBOUTI QUESTION).

2. SOMALI ATTENDANCE FOREIGN CP CONCLAVES A RELATIVELY RECENT PHENOMENON. VP ISMAIL ALI ABOKOR ATTENDED CUBAN CP CONGRESS LAST MONTH, MAKING SIAD'S PRESENCE CPSU GATHERING NOT INAPPROPRIATE. LOUGHRAN

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